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OPENING OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

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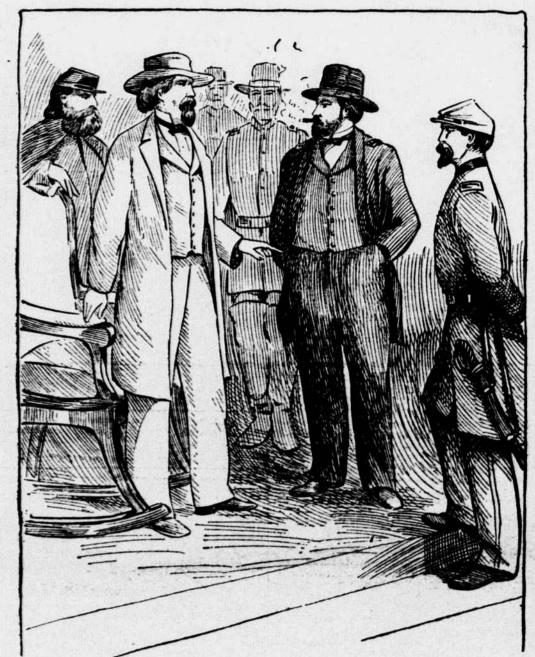
CHAPTER XXXVI.

VICKSBURG AND JACKSON. and Occupation of the City-The Pa-Jackson-Gen. Lauman's Bloody Misof His Masterly Retreats.

it was consummated without any of find water inside the house.

conqueror in the moment of his victory. He was nothing like so showy a personage as their own commander, but instead a man of low stature, thick-Completing the Surrender of the Army set and round-shouldered. He was dressed in a plain suit of blue flannel, roled Prisoners Leave-Sherman Starts with his only mark of rank, two stars, on his shoulder.

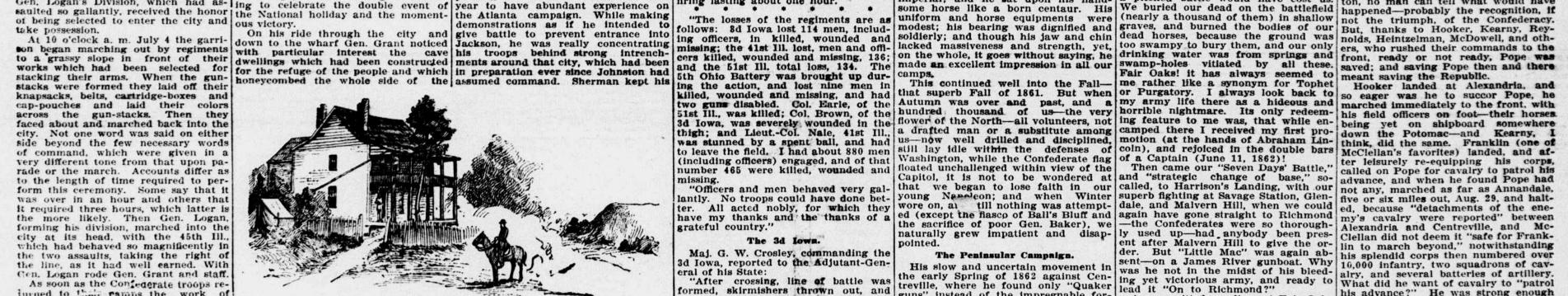
He spoke pleasantly to Pemberton, take-Gen. Johnston Executes One who was an old Mexican War acquaintlance, but the latter answered very was by far the most important military event up to that time in the history of America: though it cut off from the Southern Control of the veranda or rise to offer him a chair. The other officers were similarly impolite, and remaining seated stared with cold dislike at the victor. Grant He let results be his eloquence, and strong the authorities at Washington. Supports to skirm Gen. Grant was never given to lengthy reports nor extended descriptions of what he had done or intended to do. He let results be his eloquence, and Though the surrender of Vicksburg coldly, and did not invite him on to Southern Confederacy a territory ignored the incivility and went on talk- the dispatch he sent to Washington, larger than any European Empire, except Russia, and though the capture lighted the including the minutes as if nothing had happened. Then he asked for a drink of water, as his hot lingly brief and simple. It read: of prisoners, artillery, etc., far exceed- and dusty ride had made him very ed that of any other like achievement in the history of war up to that time, but he was informed that he would



form this ceremony. Some say that it was over in an hour and others that it required three hours, which latter is the more likely. Then Gen. Logan forming his division, marched into the city at its head, with the 45th Ill. which had behaved so magnificently in the two assaults, taking the right of the line, as it had well earned. With

'U. S. Grant, Major-General."

he heard of the proceedings for ca- secured them the position." pitulation as early as Sherman did, on the 3d, and began drawing back. Gen. Sherman began a rapid concentration Brigade, made the following report of with Big Bethel and Bull Run, and our miles a day, when we ought to have



of the prominent military and naval who had attracted attention by his figures in history. Commodore Porter bravery and enterprise in the first batfelt this to the utmost and expressed the in which the army had engaged, it in his usual exuberant, positive way, that of Belmont, had the misfortune to Gen. Grant felt and expressed merely fall under censure during these moveof Joe Johnston and if possible destroy 21, 1862, after Fort Donelson. He had his army. On the afternoon of July 3 commanded a brigade for several he felt reasonably sure that Pember-months, and had been promoted to ton would surrender, and therefore command the Fourth Division of the sent orders to Gen. Sherman to move Sixteenth Corps prior to the opening out at once and crush Joe Johnston, of the Vicksburg campaign. This di-who had advanced close to Sherman's vision was assigned to the Thirteenth lines in the expectation that Pember- Corps at the beginning of the siege. As ton would make some demonstration to the circumstances which led to Gen. toward escaping by the roads to the Lauman's relief Gen. Ord reported as

"Gen. Lauman had received special

"Near Vicksburg, Miss.,
"July 4, 1863, 10:30 a. m.
"Maj.-Gen. H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief:
"The enemy surrendered this morn-the enemy surrendered the enemy surrendered to the parole as prisoners of war. This I re- was unsupported and unknown by othgarded as of great advantage to us at this juncture. It saves probably severto be passed was defended (I was satisal days in the captured town; leaves troops and transports ready for immediate service. Gen. Sherman, with a large force, will face immediately on Johnston and drive him from the State. I will send troops to the relief of Gen. will send troops to the relief of Gen. this attack was 465 in killed, wounded Banks, and return the Ninth Corps to and missing, besides nearly all the men and horses of a section of artillery, which the 53d Ind. brought off by hand, This reached Washington at a time and three stand of colors; after which when the people had been raised from their previous depression by the victory at Gettysburg, and it augmented immensely their elation. It was a more comprehensive and complete success in many respects. The victory of Cettys ward by a member of vous story of cettys. many respects. The victory of Gettys-burg had relieved the North from fear of invasion, and had turned back Lee's to examine the position taken up by of invasion, and had turned back Lee's confident army in defeat, but it had decided nothing beyond this. The capture of Vicksburg, on the other hand, was a symmetrical and well-rounded victory, carrying with it not only the opening of the Mississippi, but the destruction of the army which had defended the stronghold.

To examine the position taken up by the division. Capt. McCoy stated that Gen. Lauman told him to say to Gen. Ord, 'I am cut all to pieces.' I visited his division immediately. He then reported his total loss about 100. I found the men scattered, except that part which had not been with him, and when I called upon Gen. Lauman to taken up by the division. sherman Moves Against Johnston.

Gen. Grant's telegram to Gen. Sherman, stating that the capitulation was likely and directing him to be ready to move against Johnston, reached Sherman at Trible's Place, near Bear Creek, about 3 p. m., July 3. At that time Johnston was near Black River with about 30,000 men. He was in person opposite Birdsong's Ferry with one division, three divisions opposite Messinger's Ford, and one opposite Fridgeport. All these were provided with pontoon trains and it was Johnston's intention to have crossed the Big

ston's intention to have crossed the Big then occupied by a fresh brigade, who black on the 4th or 5th of July, but that night erected two batteries, which

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the line, as it had well earned with the line as the lattice with the line as a suprementation of the line as Maj. G. W. Crosley, commanding the 3d Iowa, reported to the Adjutant-Gen-

GEN. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN.

that he had done the work he had set out to do and done it with a completences that left nothing to be desired. His main thought now was to dispose the set of the se a Great General.

> By JAS. F. RUSLING, A. M., LL.D., Brevet Brigadier-General, U. S. V. From "Men and Things I Saw in Civil War Days."

When the war began, in April, 1861, men) compared with Hooker's, who had no fancy for soldiering, and af- here lost some 1,500 men in killed and spades. Our surplus clothing was cut ter debating the question well conclud- wounded—the very flower of his divi- and torn to rags. Our headquarters ed I would do my fighting best at home. Sion. Yet McClellan telegraphed to Washington that Hancock was superb,



GEN. GEO. B. McCLELLAN IN 1862.

The Peninsular Campaign.

Sherman began a rapid concentration of his men at the three best points for passing Big Black River: viz, the rail-road, Messinger's Ford and Birdsong's Ferry. The Thirteenth Corps, under Gen. Ord, crossed at the railroad; the Fifteenth Corps, under Gen. Steele, at Messinger's Ford, and the Ninth Corps, under Gen. Parke, at Birdsong's Ford, and the Ninth Ferry. They were all across the river They were they comed up like Marengo and Auster time they loomed up like Marengo and Auster time (20 or 30 miles a day, when we ought to have made forced marches (20 or 30 miles a day, when we ought to have made forced marches (20 or 30 miles a day, when we ought to have made forced marches (20 or 30 miles a day), and finally sat down at Fair Oaks, astride of the Chickahominy, as if specially inviting the attack we soon got, It was only God's Providence, and Sumner's pluck, and Hooker and Kearny's magnificent fighting.

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missing.

"Officers and men behaved very gallantly. No troops could have done better. All acted nobly, for which they have my thanks and the thanks of a grateful country."

Capitol, it is not to be wondered at that we began to lose faith in our young Neweleon; and when Winter wore on, at till nothing was attempted (except the fiasco of Ball's Bluff and have gone straight to Richmond again have gone straight to Richmond the sacrifice of poor Gen. Baker), we grateful country."

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their wonted fortitude, as it will be but for a few days."

I had been up all the night before, and in the saddle for two days mostly. and had just "turned in" for a night's proceeded to carry out this order, and the other two brigades of our division did the same. We cut and slashed our tents with knives, and ripped them to pieces-many of them new Sibley and hospital tents. We chopped and broke the tent poles. We knocked our trunks officers doffed their old uniforms, in Gen. Grant, on his return from his division on the extreme right, with his line about 1,500 yards from the extreme right were in quiet possession of the city and then bethought him of the necessity of informing the authorities at Washington. Gen. Grant was never given to length a week afterward (May 11), and did the supports to skirmishers about 300 yards from the last days of Augrenotes nor extended descriptions of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of the night of the 11th, about of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of the night of the 11th, about of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of what he had done or intended to do. Of the which they had been campaigning so

brigade, I have always understood, were burned up at Bristoe Station, in August, 1862, when Stonewall Jackson captured a train of cars there, containing among other things all the offi-cial desks and baggage of our brigade, and set fire to everything. But I re-corded the substance of it in my pri-vate journal, for Saturday, June 28, 1862, and have the record still.

In 1864, when McClellan was run-

ning for President, and this "Order' was denied, I published the above in the New York Tribune, and challenged contradiction; but it never came. I did the same in the Century Magazine for May, 1889, with like result. The only explanation I have ever heard is, that this order was issued to a part of the army, but not to the rest, because of protests from leading officers that it might demoralize the troops, and so was afterward suppressed as uncanny, if not unmilitary. It is strange that no copy has ever been produced. Was none preserved by any officer? Or were all burned up at Bristoe, as aforesaid? At Harrison's Landing, of course, we were safe—under the secure shelter of our gunboats. Or, as "Little Mac" phrased it July 1, "I fear I shall be forced to abandon my material to save my men under the cover of the gun-boats." (War Records, Vol. XI, Part 3, p. 280.) The same day he tele-graphed, "Rodgers will do all that can be done to cover my flanks (with his gunboats)." And again, "More gun-boats are much needed." (Ibid, pp. 281, 282.) And still again, "I shall do

gunboats" (Ibid, p. 280.)

Lee certainly had the Army of the Potomac now where he wanted itwhere it did not menace Richmond and was fairly eliminated. How must have laughed at "Little Mac," his "strategic change of base!" show his contempt for the whole business, garrisoning Richmond well, he marched leisurely down the Valley,

my best to save the army.

GRANT CALLING ON PEMBERTON, JULY 4, 1862.

In the meantime one of the younger contractions with which European General and psectacular demonstrations with which European General and become anhamed of the instead of their achievements. It was the plainment of the problem simplicity. Not a form republican simplicity. Not a form republican simplicity. Not a form republican simplicity of the stuation. Which to the kitterness of heart of the army, guards were thrown out along the entire front possible of the stuation. Which to the setting the setting of the stuation with which to require the city. In obedience to Grant's required from the setting is consistent to those setting in the setting is consistent to the setting in the setting is consistent to the setting in the setting in the setting is consistent to the setting in the setting is the setting of the setting is the setting in the setting is the setting works and made the two most important assaults, was given the honor of conducting the proceedings, and Gen. Logan's Division, which had assaulted so gallantly, received the honor of being selected to enter the city and take possession.

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